

MINUTES

MARCH 15, 1983

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dade Heritage Trust was called to order at 7:40 p.m. at Dr. Jackson's Office, 190 S.E. 12th Terrace. The following Trustees were present:

Timothy Carl Blake, President
Julianne Bishop, Vice President
Margaret Wood, Treasurer
Les Beilinson
Allan Caldwell
John Ward Clark
Sallye Jude
Becky Roper Matkov
Donald Slesnick
Marty Stofik

Also present was Executive Director Paul Thompson.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 1983 meeting was made by Mrs. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Jude and carried unanimously.

A detailed Treasurer's Report for the first quarter of 1983 will be prepared for the Annual Meeting in April. Mr. Thompson reported that as of this date, there is \$1,800 in the general checking account.

Special Presentation

This item is listed on the agenda under Old Business.

Bob Carr, archeologist with the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Division, advised the Board that there is a strong possibility that the remains of the 1567 Spanish Mission are located under the parking lot at the intersection of S.E. 2nd Avenue/Brickell Avenue and Biscayne Boulevard. The mission was the second settlement established in Florida, pre-dated only by St. Augustine, making it the most significant historical site in the county.

Mr. Carr expressed concern that planned construction on the site would proceed before archeological excavations could be undertaken to determine if any significant remains can be retrieved. He has been unable to obtain permission from the property owner to excavate.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Matkov, seconded by Mr. Beilinson, to endorse an effort to conduct surface excavations at the Spanish Mission site and to petition the Miami Heritage Conservation Board to designate the area as an archeological site. A letter also will be sent to the Downtown Development Authority to determine its position on the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Annual Meeting: Mr. Blake reported that the nominating committee for new Trustees has recommended that the number of Trustees be increased to twenty-one (21).

To effect the increase, four additional Trustees would be elected at the 1983 Annual Meeting, bringing the Board to a total of 19 for 1983-84, and two additional Trustees would be elected at the 1984 Annual Meeting. Terms of the six additional Trustees would be staggered so that the terms of seven Trustees would expire each subsequent year beginning in 1985 with all Trustees elected to three-year terms in following years.

Mr. Blake advised the Board that Article 4, Section 1 of the By-Laws would have to be amended to increase the number of Trustees. Notice of the proposed change must precede the Annual Meeting by thirty (30) days.

The Board agreed to reschedule the Annual Meeting to Friday, April 22, to be followed by a Board of Trustees meeting for the election of officers on Tuesday, April 26. Thirty days after the meeting of March 15, the Trustees will be polled for a vote on the amendment to the by-laws.

Sears Update: Mr. Blake and Mr. Thompson have talked to Coldwell-Banker, the mortgage holders on the Sears building on Biscayne Boulevard. The company was advised of the tax incentives and other advantages of the building being designated as a historic landmark and encouraged to include the information in their marketing package for the property.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Beilinson, seconded by Mr. Clark, to petition the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation to request the National Trust to support and assist DHT in efforts to save the Sears tower. The motion carried unanimously.

It also was noted that Mr. Blake appeared on WTVJ, TV (Channel 4) on April 14, presenting an editorial reply in support of preserving the Sears tower.

Mr. Blake advised the Board that the Trust will be in a difficult cash flow situation for at least the next three months. He encouraged Trustees to make all efforts to bring in as many new members as possible during that time. Financial planning for 1983-84 will be discussed at the April meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Membership Campaign: Mr. Thompson presented a report for Trustee Richard Miller on a proposed membership campaign. A copy of Mr. Miller's letter outlining his suggestions and recommendations is attached to these minutes ("A").

Mr. Slesnick suggested DHT seek a short-term, interest-free loan based on future income anticipated from the Antique Show and the Opa-Locka Train Station grant.

The Board agreed to pursue development of a membership campaign, including obtaining a corporate sponsor to underwrite its costs, and the possibility of obtaining a loan.

Preservation Week: Mr. Thompson presented a report for Michael Maxwell, DHT's representative to and chairman of the county-wide steering committee for Historic Preservation Week, May 8-14, 1983.

Two meetings of the steering committee have been held. Events are being planned by many groups with DHT serving as the coordinator.

At the recommendation of Mrs. Jude, Mr. Maxwell will be asked to develop a committee to coordinate DHT-sponsored activities during preservation week. Mr. Thompson reported that events suggested for DHT to sponsor include a shoreline cruise and a sound-and-light show at Vizcaya.

Mr. Thompson also presented a proposal being submitted to the Metro-Dade Council of Arts and Sciences for a grant to fund 1984 preservation week activities. A copy is attached to these minutes ("B").

Mr. Slesnick reported on plans for a group of Dade representatives to attend Preservation Day in Tallahassee on May 11. A copy of the itinerary and costs is attached to these minutes ("D").

Mr. Slesnick said a cocktail party will be held the evening of Tuesday, May 10, for the Dade legislative delegation at The Governor's Club, hosted by Rep. Tom Gallagher. A luncheon will be held at the Old Capitol on Wednesday, May 11, hosted by Mrs. Phil Asher and the Florida Trust.

Publications

Mrs. Matkov reported that the first issue of Preservation Today will be delivered to the printer on March 16, and should be ready to be mailed after March 25.

Invitations are being sent out for the publication party, May 30, at Mrs. Jude's home.

Historic Sites

Brown House; Mr. Clark reported that no site has been found to relocate the Brown House. No further efforts will be made to obtain space in Margaret Pace Park because of continued objections to that proposal.

Commissioner Beverly Phillips has expressed interest in the house for use as a day care center and is working to identify a possible site.

Old Business

Antique Show: Mrs. Bishop advised the Board that DHT has been contacted by a person interested in coordinating the 1984 Antique Show if DHT's contract with its present coordinator is terminated.

She also will attempt to find a DHT member to serve as an additional co-chairman for the 1984 show.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Blake announced that the committee has selected the following slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees for 1983-84: Phil E. Bowman, Yvonne Arch, Tobin Ansin, Joanne Lombard, Michael Maxwell, Frederic A. Hoffman, Les Beilinson, John Armstrong, Beth Ann Clark and Connie Blanc. These persons are being contacted to see if they would be willing to serve on the Board. Five of the Trustees will be elected to three-year terms and one to fill the unexpired one-year portion of a vacancy. Four will be the additional Trustees elected based on approval of the amendment to the by-laws, with two serving 2-year terms and two serving 1-year terms.

The nominating committee will meet again March 21 to select a slate of officers to be presented at the April 26 Board meeting.

New Business

Mr. Blake reported that he met with School Board Member Janet McAliley to discuss a resolution recently adopted by the School Board to "not waive its exemption to historic preservation ordinances". DHT will meet with representatives of the School Board and the Metro Historic Preservation Board in an effort to work out a mutually-acceptable solution. Mrs. Stofik asked Mr. Blake to consider municipal ordinances affected by the School Board's resolution when discussing the matter.

Mrs. Wood suggested DHT consider holding a house sale or rummage sale to raise funds. Mr. Thompson reported that the contents of the Herran house have been offered to DHT for sale.

Mrs. Stofik announced that Phil Bowman has agreed to coordinate DHT volunteers to answer phones at the Channel 2 auction. A tentative date of April 14 has been selected.

Mr. Blake will appear before the House Subcommittee on Government Support of the Arts on March 24 to request funds for historic preservation.

Mr. Blake, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Matkov met with representatives of the City of Miami regarding a book about Miami to be published by DHT. Another meeting will be held before the proposal is submitted to the City Commission.

Mr. Slesnick advised the Board of an article that appeared in the Kiwanis magazine about the financial benefits of historic

preservation. A letter and copy of the article will be sent to local Kiwanis clubs.

After discussion, Mr. Thompson was instructed to obtain information on the cost of installing an additional telephone line for the office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted,

Mrs. Marty Stofik

For: Mr. Gordon Pimm
DHT Secretary

Reviewed by: P. Thompson